# Interesting Gossip of Baseball, Autos, and the Ring

## BASE BALL INVENTIONS TO IMPROVE THE GAME!

to Aid the Players in Various Ways.

MASKS, MITTS AND BATS HE HATES TO BE PITIED

Wooden Ball for Winter Practice Old Friends Have Remembered by Pitchers-The Pitching Machine.

ments that are made by the ball players to the sporting men of Boston to hear that and admirers of the game when contrasts | John L. Sullivan, the grand old man of the are drawn between the stars of to-day and | prize ring, is rapidly recovering from the those of a generation ago. There is hardly illness which has confined him at his sisa day goes by that some story is not told | ter's home in Roxbury for the last two of this great pitcher, that clever shortor that one could do if he had to play without up-to-date paraphernalia.

"Why, without a mask and protector he starin' at old John L. and sayin': "Too bad, would be a counterfeit," is a frequent ex-

It was Arthur Irwin, the Boston player, who first brought out the improved glove. He saw the necessity of it, and went to to-day the players have gloves of varying degrees for different positions, all of which are excellent barriers to a fast ball, and enable the men to gather them in no matter what the speed may be.

The catcher's mask was in vogue long beore the professional teams adopted it. A Nearly thirty years ago, or, to be more pre-1875, Thayer, the Harvard catcher, decided something was needed to protect the man behind the bat from foul tips. He egan work on the plan of the fencer's mask, and in a short while he had evolved a very good catcher's mask. For three years the college teams used it, but not until Charley Snyder, of the Boston League team, in 1878, gave it a trial, did the professionals give it any consideration. At that time it used to be quite an art for a catcher to judge the angle of the ball as

it sped over the plate. The catcher would turn his head to the right or left a trifle so that if the ball passed his hands it would not land full in the face. Not every catcher, however, was able to do this trick with ease and grace. When the mask was tried by Snyder and found to be really what the catcher had long needed, of course the other teams took it up and it became a recognized addition to the outfit of every CHEST PROTECTOR.

To Hartford belongs the credit for producing the man who added another protection to the catcher's life-that of the chest and, like the mask, found to be the proper thing to fill a long-felt want. This piece of paraphernalia, too, had to run the gamut of the amateurs before the professionals decided that there was merit enough in it to be adopted.

Bats have been the subject of brain cogiago the players became familiar with what was called the flat bat. This was never patented, but it showed the inventive genius of some player. This bat was made by shaving one of the round bats with a knife until a part of the bat near the end was flat. The object of this was to give the player a chance to bunt the ball by catching it a short clip. This bat was ruled out by the League officials.

There was another bat invented, however, and the man who originated it had such | ting Horse Breeders' Association to-day the faith in his idea that he had it patented in following fixed events were renewed, to 1890. This bat had a curve in it, and was something like a lacrosse stick. According to the theory of the inventor, Emile Kinst, when the ball was struck by a certain portion of the bat, in addition to the regular flight produced by the blow the ball would lent. The result was supposed to be a Ball not only difficult to handle by the fielder if

der it because of the spinning produced by | son, 2:20 pacers, \$2,000. fect of a bunt, but in a better way, for the nventor claimed his bat would cause the ball to land near the batter and stay there | renamed the Stoll, in honor of the late under certain conditions. With these re- Col. R. P. Stoll, ex-president of the assosults Mr. Kinst claimed that it would make | ciation. the game more difficult to play, and therees were not realized, for the bat never got the official sanction of the League. Lajoie bat has any one evolved a bat on | ters and for three-year-old trotters and really scientific basis. Mr. Murnane's ex- pacers are included in the stake card, dered from Europe an even faster racing the bat by the pitcher while not in the ence as a player and writer of baseball. covering three decades, enabled him to

grasp the idea and perfect it in short order after it once occurred to him He had seen a number of players grasp their bats several inches above the handle and he knew that logically that was the place to hold it. He knew also that the was the bat now called the Lajoie bat. A Park; purchase could be given by placing an ex- Park. ra rim of wood around the handle of the bat, two, three or four inches from the head. This would give added strength to player and a more secure hold. This

at is now generally in use. RING FOR PITCHERS. One of the new devices brought out to help the game was a ring invented by Billy McGunnigle, the object of which was to make the pitcher more effective. The ring was so made that when the pitcher slipped it on his finger and then took the ball, the circular band steadied it so that an effective curve or greater speed could be produced. In short, it prevented the ball from slipping, especially if it were wet. This did not prove a great success, because It used to cut or rip the cover of the ball. and so the league ruled it out. McGunnigle, by the way, was the first man to use one of the big mits now used by every catcher. The most unique thing invented in recent years is a device intended for pitchers to use during the winter and at other times when not actively engaged in the game. It a wooden baseball that has been sawed n two. A strong spiral spring holds two f the ends together within a quarter of an inch of each other. The other two ends are an inch apart and a bit of leather keeps these ends from flying wider apart. By grasping the ball in the hand and exerting a pressure on it the ball may be made close up. The moment the pressure is released it flies open again to its regular designed shape. By taking this ball, which the regulation league size, and going brough the motions used to pitch curves or trops, squeezing the ball each time the arm oved forward, the muscles used in hing are worked and strengthened. This tevice was patented last year by a ball

player named Aydelott, who hails from This is not the only device of recent years that has been invented to aid the pitcher. A year ago R. H. Lake, of Washington, an enthusiastic baseball "fan," patented a maine to be used in practice games that fuld do the work of any pitcher. It was pothing less than a pneumatic gun that can shoot any sort of a curve at moderate speed.

It was used by the New York Giants in the uth this spring. A new or rather an improved catcher's tector is one of the latest devices put the market. The improvement in the rotector consists in providing the old patern with inflated pads covering the shouler and collar bone. Many catchers have en disabled by being hit in these vulnerable spots by wild pitches and foul tips, e wonder is that something of the kind has not been thought out before

### JOHN L. IS NOT READY TO TAKE FINAL COUNT

Devices That Have Been Evolved Old Man of the Ring Says He Won't Die for Awhile, and Believes What He Says.

Him, but Some He Befriended Have Cast Him Aside.

BOSFON, April 30,-It will be good news

The big fellow's eyes are still bad and he too bad!" " said the ex-champion reporter yesterday. "Most of I'm not dead yet, and I ain't goin' to die, When I go it will be quick and sudden. They won't even hear that I'm sick, and all of a sudden they'll see it in the paper some morning-'Old John L. is counted out for good.' It'll surprise 'em some. But that's a long time off, son-a good long time off.

Why do they call me old? forty-six and that ain't old, is it? My stomach was botherin' me and my eyes are on the bum, but the doctor says if I take care of myself I'll get over it. My stomach is all right now. I can eat just as well as I ever did. My eyes are pretty near right, too; but I have to keep on the goggles so that they won't go back on me

"I am a dead one in the game, of course, but there's one thing I do know-I've got a good many friends yet, don't you think? Why, as soon as the boys found out that Old Boston ain't forgot old John L., you to be given at the Auditorium on Wednescan bet. All my old friends remembered day evening, May 11. The principal conme, and, say, if I could smoke half the smokes or eat half the nice things they've test of ten rounds will sent me I guess I'd be dead anyway. It's Kelly, of Chicago, the Western middlegreat to know that the old boys are still with you. But there's a lot of 'em that I've done things for in my time that don't of Boston, the Eastern middle-weight Still I ain't complainin'. I've had my share of the good things when I was right and my best friends are stickin' to me now. again. He came all the way over from the first of next week to put on the finish-New York on purpose to see me. You other. But that was fixed up and he's a good friend of mine now. 'John' he says to me: 'John,' if there's anything I can do o'clock on the day of the contest-and preclate that, like I do when any of my friends want to help me out. "Bob Fitzsimmons took the trouble come out and see me, and we had a long Bob is one of mighty few of the old ones who are still in the game. He's a wonder, and is good for a lot of battles yet. And Young Corbett came out to see me, too, and he was the only one of the young fellows who took the trouble to be kind to the old man who made boxing what it is in this country. He's a nice little felow, and I'm sorry he got licked. Perhaps it'll be different next time if they ever meet

"Just say to my friends that John L. is still on his feet and expects to live a good many years yet. And thank 'em for me for being so kind to me when I'm sick." The old gladiator folded his arms as he said good-bye, and, in spite of bad eyes and general sickness, his giant frame showed traces of the power that once made him the very king among athletes. His parting words were the pet phrase which has made him famous as a speechmaker: "I remain yours truly, John L. Sullivan."

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RENEW FIXED EVENTS FOR LEXINGTON MEET

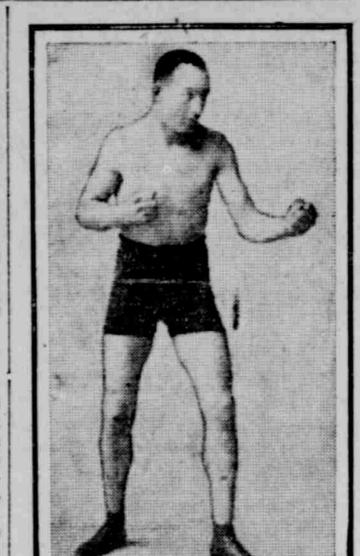
LEXINGTON, Ky., April 30 .- At a meet-

the Walnut Hall cup, 2:15 trotters, \$3,000; the Tennessee, 2:08 pacers, \$3,000; the Mc-Dowell, for four-year-old trotters (2:25 receive a rotary motion more or less vio- class), \$3,000; the Stoll, 2:19 trotters, \$2,000; the Johnston, 2:24 trotters, \$2,000; West, 2:29 trotters, \$2,000; the Kentucky, it were to come straight at him, but also three-year-old trotters, \$2,000; the Lexinghard to hold if it were a fly and he got un- ton, two-year-old trotters, \$2,000; the Wil-The McDowell heretofore has been for It was only designed to produce the ef- the fastest class of trotters, but it was changed to a four-year-old race, and the Bluegrass, established in 1875, has been

as usual, nomination purses, in which horses will not be named until about three weeks before the race. Not until T. H. Murnane invented the The rich futurities for two-year-old trot- about the matter.

> which will aggregate close to \$50,000. Commercial League Games.

The second series of games in the Commercial League, scheduled for this mornwill be played, weather permitting. im at the head of the bat prevented it The following games are scheduled: Atkins from slipping out of the player's hands. So vs. American Express, at Fairview Park; he put two and two together and the result | Y. M. I. vs. Social Turners, at Brookside little experimenting proved that a better | Park; Kahns vs. Journals, at Garfield



Indianapolis on May 11.

### FRANK CARSEY MAY BOX THE "CANADIAN KID" HERE

They May Be Matched for Semi- | favor. Windup to Kelly-Sullivan Bout on May 11.

IN TRAINING

ever given by the Indianar Club is being prepared for the next show weight champion, and Jack (Twin) Sullivan, emember me when I'm down and out. champion. They have been matched for a know there was a long time when me and ing touches. Reports from Chicago are

Kelly and Sullivan are two of the greatmatched with Kelly for a six-round bout given a shade decision. They were then matched for a twenty-round battle in Kansas City, which was fought early in April, just the same. Sullivan getting the decision. Kelly claims he was sick at the time and not in shape to do himself justice. The question of supremacy is now more intense than ever and the coming bout in Indianapolis will decide who is the better man.

The club is endeavoring to arrange an allstar programme for that night. Frank Carsey, the clever Chicago bantam, who defeated Freddie Cole in this city a short time ago, probably will be matched with the "Canadian Kid," who beat Rollo Emig last week, for the six-round semi-wind-up. The preliminary card will also be very

VANDERBILT WILL NOT QUIT RACING

NEW YORK, April 30.-Strenuous denial letter recently received by "Senator" W. J.

Mr. Vanderbilt has been ordered to stop

In speaking of the matter Mr. Morgan trouble and that he will be compelled to of the pitcher's plate is a balk. stop driving are refuted by him in toto in | 4. Any delivery of the ball to the bat

"The fact that Mr. Vanderbilt has orand sold to B. M. Stanley, and the fact that he is even now having constructed two so long as, in the opinion of the umpire auto-boats which will astonish the world to unnecessarily delay the game is a balk, with their speed, is proof that he does not | 7. Making any motion to pitch while intend to retire just yet.

The great record-breaker has promised to the ball in his possession is a balk. be at the Ormond meet next January with Wassons vs. Kellers, at Riverside | those sold he could never have held his is a balk. own against the new cars secured by those who are to compete against him.

# Notes of the Autoists &

all his carriages and relying wholly upon An English invention is a wicker-work life-saving fender, a rather clumsy contriv-

ance and of doubtful value. Miss Alice Roosevelt is very fond of motoring and has recently appeared on the streets of Washington driving a motor car. The speed of one hundred miles an hour equals one mile in 36 seconds, and, when going at this terrific speed it is necessary to cover 1461/2 feet per second.

Automobile road maps are being prepared covering desirable touring portions of the country. They are of great assistance to drivers in locating suitable roads. The Louisville Automobile Club held its second annual meeting at Fountain Ferry last week. The club is flourishing and in-

creasing in members quite rapidly. The National Electric, in a recent hillclimbing contest, broke the Corey-hill record. This grade is one of 17 per cent., located a short distance outside of Boston. During the present week two Indianapolis concerns shipped their St. Louis exhibits,

from both the National and Pope-Waver-Fred Jacobs, one of San Francisco's prominent dealers, was a visitor at the national factory last week, and speaks very encouragingly concerning the automobile outlook on the coast.

carloads of automobiles going to St. Louis

King Edward of England is the owner of seven automobiles, five of which are of British make. One has a seating capacity of fifteen persons, another a heavy truck, while the others are of the touring car va-Indianapolis drivers prior to this season

confined themseleves to various makes of light runabouts. There is every indication, however, that a number of heavy touring cars will be used in this city the present It is propsed to lay out a forty-mile road | fact that this finish would, of course, be

miles per hour. Vanderbilt's recent mile in | miles over all kinds of roads before being | Bramwell, of Springfield, O.; Carl L. Bauthirty-nine seconds would seem to indicate | finished for shipment, and after being finthat this speed is possible.

Richard Croker is reported as having sold , tation as a driver in Denver, and during the endurance contest last fall was the first driver to arrive in Pittsburg. The Western Storage Battery Company, of this city, is transacting considerable business in supplying storage batteries for

> s a side issue, compared to their electric battery business. Mayor McClellan, of New York city, is one of the most recent converts, and may streets of New York almost every day. | plus 4 7-12. Metropolitan drivers anticipate more fair treatment from the police authorities, now that the head of the city government has

become a driver. The Motor Age, of Chicago, is running pages showing the various machines manufactured by prominent concerns during the past four or five years. Wonderful improvement in the manufacture of automobiles is very apparent by comparing the presentday models with those made three or four years ago.

John Wanamaker does not take the Licensed Association seriously. In his advertising he refers to their claims as being a "bogey man" and ridicules their claims. The independent manufacturers throughout the country far outnumber those of the Licensed Association, and the Licensed Association is fast losing its grip on the dealers, as many of their best dealers throughout the United States have refused to allow the Licensed Association to conduct their business, and have taken on independent cars regardless of the protests from the association.

Quite a number of rather rough-looking may be driven at the rate of one hundred tional gasolines are given three hundred jr., of Columbus, O., chairman; C. ished are given a spin of ten or fifteen miles Webb Jay. Mr. Jay has made quite a repu- joining its factory on Twenty-second street. | son, of Louisville.

## ERROR COLUMN BAD FOR GAME SAYS BILL JOYCE

Great Baseball Authority Declares It Would Better the Game

PLAYERS DODGE ERRORS

Also Says Balk Rule Is Too Stringent, and Does Not Blame

He points out, in more ways than one, why it would be a good idea to cut out the error column. Better ball would be played, he contends, for the reason that a player would never let an opportunity slip to go after the sphere.

Frequently, under the present conditions players make no effort to field a ball less they should be unsuccessful in the attemp and an error would be scored against them Salaries depend upon their averages, and errors count against a player with equal force as put-outs and assists do in their

he shall receive during the coming year, and it is easy to show why a player wants to avoid representation in the error column Another reason advanced is that official scorers sometimes play favorites, and it is not an uncommon thing for scorers to disagree as to whether the play is a hit or an error. Joyce does not argue that element of the proposition as a point in favor of but their bread and butter depend largely upon it. Many a ball is hit that a fielder might go after and get if he were not afraid of getting an error should he fail to heard the plaint, breathed a fervent and deliver the goods.

Should he go after the ball and ther nake a fumble or a wild throw after he touched it, an error would be scored against Perhaps his better judgment tells him that in order to avoid the possibility him didn't have nothin' to say to each to the effect that both men are rapidly ball. And from all appearances the situation might be such that it looked next to impossible for the fielder to get the ball. If however, errors did not count there is not to help you out just you call on me.' I ap- they will both be in the best of shape when a baseball player in the world who would not make every effort to get every ball that came his way or anywhere near it.

AVERAGE NOT BREAD-WINNER. "It does not always follow that the player who has the best average demands the big-

"In minor leagues the averages are padded, with the result that when a player is taken from a minor league into a major league the latter is often buncoed because of the padding referred to. "If errors did not count against a player there would be no such thing as padding a

for yourself how easily and unintentionally

Section 1.-Any motion made

Throwing the ball by the pitcher to base to catch the baserunner without repeated statements that he has heart by the pitcher, while either foot is back. his letter to me. He is very plain spoken | by the pitcher while he is not facing the 5. Any motion in delivering the ball to 6. Holding of the ball by the pitcher

standing in his position without having 8. Making any motion of the arm, a new car. His sale of the old cars, all far | shoulder, hip or body the pitcher habitually too slow for his purpose, was a well-exe- makes in his method of delivery, without cuted business move, for with any one of immediately delivering the ball to the bat, 9. Delivery of the ball to the bat when the catcher is standing outside the lines

of the catcher's position, as defined in FINAL SCORES IN

BALTIMORE, April 30 .- The seventh annual meeting of the Women's Whist Congress closed to-day to meet in Philadelphia

next year. The following are the scores of last night's session as given out to-day sparking gasoline engines, as well as for by the scorers: propelling electric vehicles. This, nowever,

Allegheny City, plus 8 8-12. be seen driving his touring car through the A. E. Weeks, Women's Club, Baltimore,

Faber, New York city, plus 8 3-18. Section B, East and West-Mrs. R. R. Mabie and Mrs. N. P. Tyler, New Rochelle, N. Y., and Mrs. J. W. Moody and Mrs. R. IN A COLLEGE C B. Ridley, Atlanta, Ga, plus 9 3-18. Section C. North and South-Mrs. H. S. Atkinson, Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. T. B. Moulton, Ardmore, Pa, plus 71/2. Section C, East and West-Mrs. W. F Berry and Mrs. W. R. Gray, Winchester, Mass., plus 8 13-14.

LOCAL AUTOISTS TO FIX ROADS FOR BIG RUN

through this city on its way to the world's players reached second base and but two fair. Gordon E. Varney, secretary of the automobiles may be seen skimming over the local auto club, has been in communication roads of the surrounding country and over | with the officials in the Eastern organizathe streets of Indianapolis. This is due to tion for some time and, while no definite the fact that the local manufacturers give | promise that the old National road will be their cars a long road run before applying | used has been received, it is thought that the final finishing coats, and test bodies are the caravan will pass this way. The presiused in place of the highly finished, luxuri- dent of the Automobile Association of antly upholstered equip nent, owing to the America has appointed the following committee to inspect the roads in the vicinity on Long island, over which automobiles | sadly marred in the testing process, Na- of Ohio and Indiana; William Moneypenny mann, of Dayton, O.; George D. Neave, of Denverites are proposing a race on Me- ished are given a spin of ten or fifteen miles | Cincinnati; M. C. Henly, of Richmond, around the special testing track, which the Ind.; Gordon E. Varney, of this city; John

if Killed.

Players for Kicking.

"Scrappy Bill" Joyce, one of America's greatest authorities on baseball, has made tion. Joyce grew up with the game just as "Pop" Anson, Fred Pfeffer and Mike Kelly did. Therefore Bill's argument for the elimination of the error column is entitled to reflection. Joyce has not threatened to call the attention of the rule framers to his argument, but merely offers it as a suggestion for the betterment of the

A player's average for the season, to a large degree, regulates the salary that

player's average. Better players would be secured and the game would be more of a pleasure to look at, as the boys would be working heart and soul all the time. The rule makers are always adding new rules, and I think if they could see the error proposition as I do they would take my tip and

"There is much howling and growling among the pitchers. They claim that they are being handicapped more and more all the time. Pretty soon their life in the box Ramsey's time the distance from the home plate to the pitcher's box was changed they become proficient in pitching the ball the additional distance, when, lo and behold, the rules are changed so that the balk rule is now very stringent-almost too sekicking. There are nine sections to the Here they are, and you can see

a pitcher can make a balk: pitcher while in position to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it or to throw to first base when occupied by baserunner, without completing the

THE WHIST CONGRESS

Section A. North and South-Mrs. Gnaff, McFonso wouldn't be last in that race. Sewickley, Pa., and Mrs. Samuel Ayers, Section A. East and West-Mrs. E. Williams, Colonial Club, Baltimore, and Mrs.

Section B, North and South-Mrs. A. A. Smith, Amsterdam, N. Y., and Mrs. J. E.

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Instances Where Virginians Have Cleaned the Betting Rings with Horses at Long Odds--Boney Boy Race

NEW YORK, April 30 .- "Any time that a | crop had just been sold in the tobacco stoolman gets a Virginian's or a Mary- counties, and the solid men from those a Southern bush-trained race horse, "he's players are, as a rule, too sensible for that, got to go after it up a dark alley, with a piece of gaspipe for a persuader."

And the other players along the line, who confirmatory "Amen."

The rural Virginians in their sto' clo'es and with the clayey red soil of the Old of an error it is best not, to try to get the regarded with good-natured amusement by their air of impenetrable stolidity, were viewed by the up-the-line price-makers until a few years ago much in the light of variety stage Rubes, yokels who furnished easy picking.

The reputation of the Southerners for

sending "sleepers" to the post had dwin-

dled to nothing, and the smart fellows

were all Northerners. The turf supremacy had passed above the Mason and Dixon line in so far, at least, as the adroitness whole lot to do with the salary question of the turfmen themselves was concerned. JOLTED BY THE RUBES. But five or six years ago the Bennings layers received from Virginia and Maryland a couple of jolts which gave them pause when they had that irresistible in-

> of the layers a long time to recover, happened when little two-year-old Boney Boy son of the old iron horse Blitzen, strolled

Boney Boy was then, as now, owned by Pa Bradley, the Virginian, and when the gelding went to the post that time all the from the Potomac to the James and beyond knew how good the son of the iron horse was. Bradley had been a good deal of a joke on the turf up to that time. But from forty-five to sixty-five feet and six just before loading his string at his Virginia farm and shipping them to Washington that spring the old man had let fall

a word or two to a crony.

"I reckon," he said, "you'd bettuh pass the word around 'mong the boys that I've | kept their good thing to themselves is mangot a sho' likely little two-year-ol' hoss in mah bahn, named Boney Boy.' That word was enough. The boys got it, all the way from the Potomac to the James and beyond. They told their families that they had immediate business in Washing-

ton, donned their shelf apparel and came to the capital on every train. The joyous layers never rubbed the price against the little Blitzen gelding. On the hunching the price every time a man with the unmistakable Virginia appearance swung up.

The race was foolish. Boney Boy walked home, pulled to the conformation of a pretzel. There are pricemakers still operating who shake their heads dolefully yet over | in little groups by themselves. They didn't the memory of the hoarse rebel yell that tore the Bennings atmosphere when the despised little gelding came home in a traipse. THE M'FONSO EPISODE.

The McFonso thing happened the next McFonso was an old gelding that had been pulling a buggy and a buckboard around a Maryland farm. He belonged to a

gentleman named Keyes. McFonso was a thoroughbred, but he'd never been much, and so for him it had slathers of 40 to 1. None of them got left been the buggy and the buckboard, with occasional hunting and going in those queer tournaments wherein young Southern lads joust at iron rings, and, if they win at this game, crown their sweetheart queen of love and beauty. When he was needed McFonso did all

erner will not stand for-hitching a thoroughbred horse to a plow. He'd let the ground go untilled first. Well, one day at a hunt this McFonso gelding did some surprising things in the way of taking the jumps and going on. It was close to the Benning meeting, and Mr. Keyes had an idea. He entered Mc-Fonso for a hurdle race, and then he mentioned in a casual sort of way to the Maryland cronies he met that he reckoned

sorts of other equine cheres on the farm,

except plowing. That's one thing a South-

MONEY TOO EASY. That, too, was enough. When McFonso went to the post Maryland, all the way from Cape Charles to Cumberland, was represented in force at Benning. The tobacco I their coin.

IN A COLLEGE GAME

gan's Good Work. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. OXFORD, O., April 30.-The Franklin Colleeg baseball team of Franklin, Ind., ad-Local automobilists are trying to arrange | ministered a crushing defeat to the Miami so that the run of New England autoists College nine here to-day, winning by a

by a Score of 10 to o-Du-

Oxford teams were brothers. The score: Miami ...... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 Batteries-Dugan and Dugan; Waldron Preparatory, reduced the one-mile record FLORISTS-

the batteries of both the Franklin and

Indiana's Easy Victory.

DELAWARE, O., April 30 .- The Indiana

There was plenty of 150 to 1 against Mc-

But it was only a stroll for McFonso. A gentleman who was with the Massachusetts regiment that got itself attacked in passing through Baltimore at the beginning of the civil war saw that race. He said that the noise made by the thousands of furious Baltimoreans while that riot was in progress wasn't a marker to the stupendous Brobdingnagian din that penetrated the circumambient from the Benning grounds when old McFonso came home in his boy's lap that day, the boy affection

ately stroking the gelding's ears. But the worst grueling suffered by the Benning layers at the hands of the Virginians thus early in the season did not come from a horse out of the Bradley barn. All of the horse-dabbling population of the two Virginias shared in the Bradley successes, of course, particularly when the Aloha colt, Allen Avon, beat a pair of even-money shots in a four-horse two-yearold race, with 20 to 1 against his chance, in a common stroll; but the Old Dominion folk accomplished their big haul when Virginia colt named Little Woods at his first try with a lot of 40 to 1 chalked against

LITTLE WOODS'S WIN. "A Washington man who was making a business tour throughout Virginia a week or so before the Benning meeting began heard all about that Little Woods thing every place he went. They were talking about it in Richmond, in Leesburg, in Fredricksburg, in Lynchburg, in Roanoke and in Norfolk for two weeks before the away from his field with 150 to 1 chalked | tle cross-roads towns of Virginia the news of that Little Woods thing had percolated the Washington man found "On the night before that Little Woods

race was run and won all of the up trains from Virginia brought into Washington little parties of quiet chaps in obviously new ready-made suits of clothes. They were young, middle-aged and old. They were weather-bronzed for the most part, and had rough hands. "The majority of them carried blackglazed bags of an old pattern, and they kept to themselves, repairing to small and

inexpensive hotels for the night. That they

ifest from the fact that the Little Woods trick was utterly unknown to the players in Washington.

"Hundreds of these Virginians were on the Benning grounds long before the first race, and the bookmakers, early to arrive contrary, they clung to their habit that | fluttered their programmes to find out; but there were a number of Virginia horses appeared to have the slightest chance. When the horses went to the post for the first race the Virginians were standing

go near the betting ring to get down on

that race and they weren't talking. But when the slates went up for the second race they made their swoop with long strides for the ring. "The owner of the colt had passed the be all right for them to take the early price, as he had his men stationed in the rooms around the country to get the first betting, and their eating up the price wouldn't hurt him so long as his commis-

on the 20 to 1, and the post price was, averaging all the books, 15 to 1, and very little of that on tap. "When Little Woods went out and spreadeagled his field the younger people in the stand, born long after the war, had their chance to find out what the rebel yell sounded like. It was the kind of shout that always greets Fitzhugh Lee when he rides down Pennsylvania avenue in the parade. "The Virginians collected. Then they leaned against the rails and stanchions, letting the horses in the rest of the races run for Hogan. They had theirs. Almost to a man they picked up their black-glazed bags that night and rode back to their Virginia homes in the steam kyars.' It is another story how, on the following day, the Marylanders drubbed their horse Fustian from 20 to 1 to 2 to 1 at post time-

and not much of that on offer-and got Fustian home first by a tooth, to the unspeakable misery of the bookmakers; But it is no wonder that the astute layers down this way have reached the conclusion that there are a good many easier tricks to be turned in the horse game than to separate Virginians and Marylanders from

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